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### Grants Awarded to Rural Health Networks

The Kansas Rural Health Options Project (KRHOP) has announced \$399,375 in grant awards to seven rural health networks to provide financial assistance for network development and improvement of emergency medical services (EMS).

“The Rural Health Options Partnership has been helping Kansas rural communities cope with health care challenges for almost a decade,” said Secretary of Health and Environment Clyde D. Graeber. “These grants will help these communities work together to maintain high quality health care services.”

The grant recipients and awards are as follows:

- **Southwest Kansas Rural Health Network** **\$100,000**
  - St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City
  - Ashland Health Center, Ashland
  - Kearny County Hospital, Lakin
  - Wichita County Health Center, Leoti
  - Lane County Hospital, Dighton
  - Hamilton County Hospital, Syracuse
  - Meade County Hospital, Meade
- **Northwest Kansas Health Alliance** **\$75,000**
  - Hays Medical Center, Hays
  - Rawlins County Hospital, Atwood
  - Grisell Memorial Hospital, Ransom
  - Edwards County Hospital, Kinsley
  - Plainville Rural Hospital, Plainville
  - Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis

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- **Mid Kansas Health Network** **\$75,000**
  - Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend
  - Ellinwood District Hospital, Ellinwood
- **Ark Valley and Chisolm Trail Health Network** **\$74,375**
  - S. Central Ks. Regional Med. Ctr., Arkansas City
  - Sumner County District No. 1 Hospital, Caldwell
- **Sunflower Health Network** **\$25,000**
  - Salina Regional Health Center, Salina
  - Jewell County Hospital, Mankato
- **Southern Plains Health Network** **\$25,000**
  - Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt
  - Comanche County Hospital, Coldwater
- **Northeast Kansas Healthcare Network** **\$25,000**
  - St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Topeka
  - Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca
  - Holton Community Hospital, Holton
  - Northeast Kansas Center for Health, Horton

Project funding is made possible through a grant from the federal Office of Rural Health Policy to KDHE under the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. KDHE has applied for a second year of funding. Announcement of these awards is expected in late August.

The Kansas Rural Health Options Project is a partnership of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, and the Kansas Medical Society. The mission of the KRHOP is to enhance access to health care services in rural Kansas by supporting development of health systems built upon collaboration between network partners to provide needed, cost effective, quality care.